

# **Executive Proclamation**

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol related traffic deaths; and,

*Whereas*, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

*Whereas*, In 2013, there were 53 deaths in South Dakota due to impaired drivers; and,

*Whereas*, In 2013, MADD's campaign to eliminate drunk driving marks the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I take this opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to continue efforts to eliminate drunk driving by the use of education, legislation, law enforcement, and their grass roots activism; and,

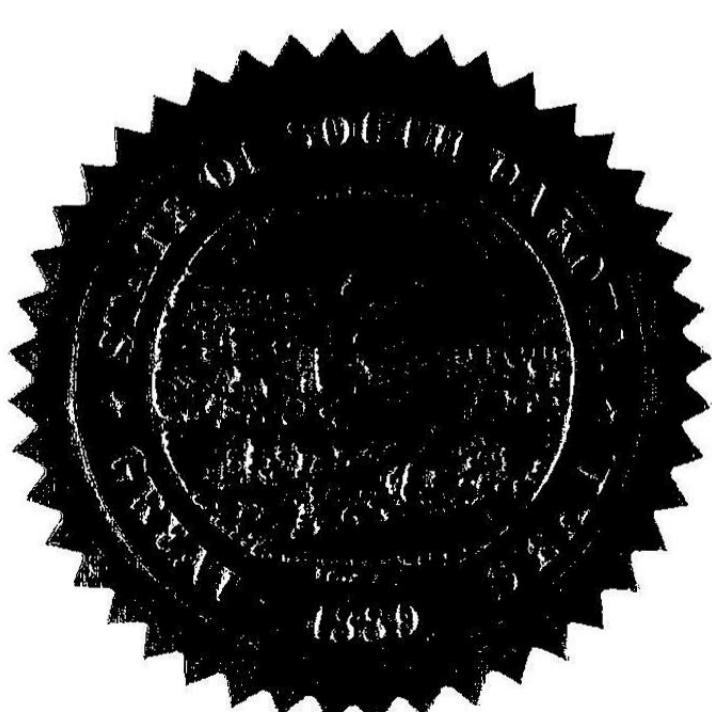
*Whereas*, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles this holiday season:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2013 as

## **MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING MONTH**

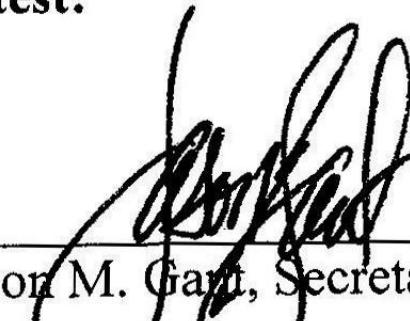
in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



  
Dennis Daugaard  
Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State